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MILITARY AIRPORT

An Open Letter To Tony Carrino and North Ward Residents

Dear Tony,

Decency, integrity and a family name are far more important than ambition to seek political office, in your case a second one. Why you have chosen to attack me, my family and my life's work is a question that you will have to answer to your conscience.

Your attempt to bring disgrace on my family through a widely distributed paid political advertisement in the Italian Tribune will fail because it is not the truth.

My immigrant ancestors arrived in the United States in 1876 - the nation and the Adubato family celebrated anniversaries together. My great-uncle Thomas Adubato was the first Italian-American appointed to the Newark Police Department; he was also the first Newark police detective killed in the line of duty. He was shot to death saving another policeman. My father Michael Adubato was the founder and director of the High Street Boys Club. He was a second father to thousands of youngsters of our generation.

You are not responsible for the good works of the North Ward Center. You have certainly supported the Center with votes on the City Council but to take credit for the work of dedicated staff and countless unselfish volunteers is unconscionable.

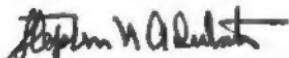
But if you wish to take credit for votes on the City Council, the public has a right to know that you first voted assistance to and then personally gained from such ventures as Studio One, a disco on Verona Avenue; the Burger King franchise on Heller Parkway and that while voting on the NIP program, a housing redevelopment project, you were an active real estate agent.

You have acted unfairly, Tony. You have political opposition so you lashed out meanly. You wish to add a \$25,000 State Senator's salary to those of Councilman (\$27,500, a new car, staff, etc.) and fulltime Barringer High teacher (\$29,000).

I will not stop working actively for the candidate of my choice, State Senator John Caufield. He is a decent, honest and effective government official. I insist on my right to campaign despite the harm you have brought to me and the things I hold most dear.

I believe the residents of the North Ward will reject your smear and vote for the best candidate. Meanwhile, I hope you examine your conscience, discuss this with your own family and friends because your actions as a public official should be a positive example to build our community and correct our many problems. Sadly your negative approach makes your leadership part of the problem and not the solutions we need.

Sincerely,



Stephen N. Adubato